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Chaplain Hugh F. Ash, of Clarksville, Tennessee reads the Bible to paratroopers during Exercise Warm Wind, the Army's recent maneuvers with the Air Force in Alaska. Chaplain Ash is not only a jumper himself, but a master jumper, as indicated by the silver star just discernible below the cross on his visor

Waiting and Reading This Side "The Curtain"

BY J. C. F. ROBERTSON

ONE DAY last summer a church leader and a Korean Army chaplain called at the Bible House. Could the Korean Bible Society make them a grant of Korean Scriptures right away? They were about to leave Pusan on special service. Could we help them?—We did.

They had come from an island held by ROK forces, an outpost on the west coast of Korea far above the 38th Parallel. This island is used as a center for collecting refugees who can endure Communist rule no longer. Every now and then a patrol is sent out to pick up refugees from neighboring islands or from secret places along the coast. Naturally such activities are not publicized; consequently we hear much of the activities of Red guerillas, but little of the activities of ROK forces, who are just as active.

The church leader who called with the chaplain that day was a man who had seen too much to waste words telling his story. He spoke of contact men with whom the refugees get in touch and of being directed to a certain place in the middle of the night; of a patrol apparently made up of Communist soldiers but actually ROK men in Red Army uniforms. He spoke of having to fall in behind the patrol, after they had examined him, and of his surprise at finding that he was only one of fifty others with the same experience as he had had. He told how they got to a collapsible boat which took them to an island where he found a small community of three hundred refugee Christians. Mostly these persons were just awaiting events—living from day to day. He organized them into Bible classes and a Sunday school and held services, but they were without Scriptures or hymn-books, except one man; and his book was almost illegible, for he had tied it round his waist when he swam from island to island, thus making his way to his present place of waiting.

So, continued the church leader, could the Korean Bible Society make a grant of Scriptures for those Christian refugees waiting off the coast of North Korea for something to turn up? The Korean Bible Society made a grant of 340 New Testaments and 600 Gospels, and soon the chaplain and the church leader are on their way back to their vigil, enheartened in that they have something in their hands that will help those who have come out from behind Korea's Iron Curtain and are waiting.



Following its long-established custom the American Bible Society recently presented a pulpit Bible to "The Chapel-on-the-Thames," the beautiful new permanent house of worship at the United States Submarine Base at New London, Connecticut. In the picture Captain C. O. Triebel, commanding officer of the base, is presenting the Bible to Chaplain Richard L. Snyder.



BIBLE STUDY IN AN OIL REFINERY

These men are employees of a petroleum refinery in Tulsa, Oklahoma. About two years ago they requested Charlie Martin, their "chaplain," to conduct a weekly Bible class at the noon lunch hour. Notice the orchestra in the foreground.

For the third successive year the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons, Illinois Branch, sent a generous offering for Bible distribution. This the gift was \$106.

Writes Mrs. Ben Hershe, retiring president: "object of our Order, 'to promote the spiritual life in selves and through Christian activities,' is so in keeping with the spreading of 'The Word'." Hearty thanks.

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"Peaks of Glory at 450 Park Avenue"

BY ERNEST A. ELWELL

ON THE morning of Tuesday, December 2, 1952, the streets of New York City were being swept by a strong wind which blew snow in the faces of sixty-six men who were heading for the Bible House, home of the American Bible Society on Park Avenue. The men were anxious to get out of the wind and snow and into the sessions of the Advisory Council, which are always informing and challenging. At 10:30 we were sitting in fellowship with the esteemed leaders of our Bible Society. We were representatives of fifty-one Protestant communions from all over America. From the first words spoken in greeting us, we were in the atmosphere of enthusiasm, efficiency and deep consecration. December 2 and 3 will be

memorable days in the lives of all of us who had the rich and rare privilege to have fellowship with and listen to the staff of workers as they dealt with the various phases of the Society's work.

We were immensely impressed by the thoroughness with which every part of the program was presented. The agenda of the meeting, the reports, all the way through to the complete explanation of the budget, were most thoroughly planned for our instruction and inspiration.

In his introductory address Dr. Eric M. North, General Secretary in charge of the Society's work abroad, impressed upon us the place the Bible holds in the life of our Churches. He reminded us that

SEATED, left to right: Mrs. A. O. Aldrich, Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, Rev. E. C. Bender, Dr. Harold S. Miller, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Rev. L. J. DuBois, President Burke, Bishop Luther Stewart, Dr. R. M. Veh, Dr. W. H. Jernagin, Dr. G. M. Cook, Dr. T. O. Burntvedt, Miss Henrietta Gibson, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.

SECOND ROW, left to right: Dr. R. G. Spaugh, Rev. B. C. Stewart, Rev. C. H. Bond, Rev. C. A. Kress, Rev. H. L. Chesser, Dr. T. W. Anderson, Rev. Wayne Wiman, Bishop G. W. Baber, Dr. John Wargelin, Dr. A. T. Olson, Rev. H. C. Jersild, Rev. Hessel Bouma.

THIRD ROW, left to right: Dr. T. B. Lugg, Bishop K. G. Hamilton, Dr. E. C. Scott, Rev. W. E. Carrington, Dr. H. W. Schenck, Dr. V. E. Beck, Dr. A. F. Meyer, W. H. Temple, A. H. Lofgren, Dr. E. A. Elwell, Rev. T. R. Brewer, Dr. P. L. Grier, Rev. H. E. Ingraham, Rev. Bartlett Peterson.

BACK ROW, left to right: Rev. C. M. Hatch, Dr. H. F. Schuh, Rev. R. E. Owens, Dr. J. E. Hoffman, Rev. R. H. Daihl, Dr. John Lentz, Rev. Sheldon Mackey, Dr. J. K. Miller, Rev. T. M. Scott, Dr. A. E. Kelly, Dr. R. S. Nicholson, Dr. A. C. Snead, Dr. Albert McClellan, Dr. L. E. Baker.



the Bible brings men and the world to Christ. He also reminded us that the Bible is the textbook of our evangelical work. It binds the Christian community together and strengthens and upbuilds the Church of Christ. He persuasively told us how God had chosen the Book for us to use for Him.

Our second message was from Rev. Richard H. Ellingson, Associate Secretary in charge of the distribution of the Scriptures in the United States. His message thrilled us as he caused the panorama of Scripture distribution on the American scene to pass before us. He showed us that the Bible remains the most popular American book, greatly exceeding the commercial best sellers. He informed us with convincing data that the Bible is being taken to "Bibleless America" with increasing success.

Rev. Laton E. Holmgren, Associate Secretary administering the Society's operations in the Far East, who had spent three years in Japan, gave us an intimate picture of the present situation in the Island Empire. The Japanese, Mr. Holmgren told us, are resolved to be free from the ignorance that has shackled them, the disease that has stricken them, and the sin that has pursued them. The Bible is speaking to the mood and mind of Asia as never before. The need for Bibles in Japan, Korea, Hong-kong and Formosa is staggering.

Rev. Paul A. Collyer, Associate Secretary administering the work of the Society in Latin America, Europe, Africa and the Near East, reminded us of the situation in the Middle East, where there is the rise of nationalism. Antagonism against Western ways is strong. The situation in Arab lands is one of tremendous upheaval. The Bible is needed as never before in the lands from which it came.

Miss S. R. Barrett, Secretary of the Work for the Blind, told us of the great increase in the distribution of volumes in Braille and Talking Book records for the sightless. During the Society's service to the blind of over a century the Scriptures have been distributed in thirty-six different languages and systems. There were new publications made available in Armenian, Turkish, German, Portuguese and Korean during 1952. The zeal and love of Miss Barrett in her work for the sightless stirred us deeply.

On through the morning we were rising to new heights of enthusiasm. Following a brief recess, Miss Margaret T. Hills, the Society's Librarian and Associate Secretary for Translations, opened the door to let us see something of the problems that beset the translators and the revisers of the Bible, of whom there are more at work just now, seeking to give the people God's Word in their own speech, than ever in Christian history.

Then, with scores of sample volumes before him, Dr. Gilbert Darlington, who is not only the Society's treasurer but also its publishing superintendent, enlightened us concerning the world's foremost publishing business—entailing the purchase of supplies,

the printing, binding, storing, shipping and paying for the millions of Scripture volumes in many languages which the Society produces every year.

Our luncheon was held at the Allerton Hotel Tuesday noon. After a delicious repast we listened to Dr. Ernest E. Tuck, recently retired as a missionary in the Philippines. He brought us a message "The Bible and the Missionary." His message was helpful, hopeful and stimulating.

At the Tuesday afternoon session five other Officers outlined their phases of the work. Mr. Frank H. Mann, our genial and accomplished host, told of the historic relationship between the Society and the Churches which constitute one of the Society's two chief sources of support. Dr. Robert T. Taylor similarly acquainted us with the program of support by individual donors.

Dr. James V. Claypool, Secretary in charge of Promotion of Use of the Scriptures, listed the helpful material available to induce people to read the Bible. He left us feeling that the relatively new "Worldwide Bible Reading" program must find resources for expansion.

Dr. Francis C. Stifler, Secretary for Public Relations, brought us in graphic style the Society's methods for approaching the public through radio, television, newspapers and popular magazines.

At the close of the afternoon session Secretary Henry H. Ragatz outlined the work of the Society's Visual Aids Department and then presented one of its latest productions, "The Whole Armor," depicting the power of the Holy Book in hours of danger, especially on the Korean scene. Every Christian and every church should see this powerful picture.

Wednesday morning was devoted to the budget for 1953. Treasurer Darlington and the Secretaries gave us clearly and efficiently the budget expenditures for 1951 and 1952 and the proposed figures for 1953. In a joint session with the Budget Committee of the Society's Board of Managers we voted to adopt the budget proposed, which was the largest in the Society's 136 years.

With reluctance we left the beautiful Bible House filled with an overwhelming desire not only to be more faithful to the Word of God in reading, preaching and living it, but in distributing it throughout the world. We shall never be careless about the value of the precious Book again.

The writer was privileged to serve on the Findings Committee, whose report follows.

Advisory Council 1952 Report of the Findings Committee

Once again the evidence of Bible production and distribution by the American Bible Society has thrilled us. We rejoice in the victories of the Word of God on a wide front. "The field is the world," and the sowing of good seed has been faithfully carried out.

We commend the Officers and staff of the Society for their skill and labors in aiding translators and rev-

and in circulating the Scriptures in the languages of the people. Such devotion is only possible where the goal is clear, the cause is worthy and the resources are dependable.

Endorsements

The Advisory Council expresses:

1. Its appreciation for the full and complete report of the finances of the Society, which has been presented to the Advisory Council with utmost frankness and candor. We commend the Society for its prudent handling of the funds committed to its care.
2. Its conviction that the Society has fulfilled its mission during the past 136 years in "promoting the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures *without note or comment.*" We are confident that the methods of doing this are both thorough and sound.
3. Its approval of the procedures by which different versions of the Scriptures are released when requested by the constituent bodies of the Society.
4. Its confidence in the consecration of the Officers of the Society to Our Lord Jesus Christ and their tireless devotion to the circulation of the Scriptures in the languages of the people.

Recommendations

The Advisory Council recommends:

1. That we make a pronouncement regarding Scriptures for service men as follows:

We believe it is important for chaplains in the Armed Services of the United States to continue to furnish free Scriptures. We are convinced that gifts of the Scriptures provide a vital link between the home church and the young person in active service or in a veterans' hospital. We are justly proud of the fact that our American Bible Society has been supplying these Scriptures for us since 1821 and has never turned down a worthy request from a chaplain. We urge the chiefs of chaplains to recommend the continuance of distribution of Scriptures made possible by church gifts rather than by any plan to supply Scriptures with government funds. The American Bible Society is the official agent of the Protestant Churches of America, and we respectfully request that all Scripture requests from chaplains be sent to the American Bible Society.

2. Because of the continuing need of the peoples of the world for the Scriptures, as evidenced in Korea, Europe, Brazil, India, Japan and Africa, we recommend increased effort to supply these needs. We especially urge that an agency of the American Bible Society be opened in Liberia, with a competent linguist in charge, and that the general program in Africa be expanded as speedily as possible.

3. The Advisory Council commends the American Bible Society for its vision in printing large quantities of Bibles, New Testaments and Gospels in the new Russian orthography. The Council rejoices in the alertness of the Officers in seeking avenues of distribution and is confident that the American Bible Society is using every practical means to get Russian Scriptures to Russian-speaking people.

We urge the Officers of the American Bible Society to make an additional effort through the highest possible diplomatic and Church channels to secure entrance of Scriptures now available into Russia.

4. That we have heard with appreciation the report on

the Society's Bible Reading program and recommend its continuation.

Furthermore, we believe that ways and means should be developed to expand this Bible reading program. To this end we recommend that the Society consider the exploration of a proposal to make a nominal charge for materials, such as a "handling charge."

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There were present 57 delegates, representing 46 denominations, as follows:

DENOMINATION	REPRESENTATIVE
Advent Christian	Rev. Lee E. Baker, D.D.
Seventh-day Adventists	Rev. Roger Altman
Assemblies of God	Rev. Bartlett Peterson
American Baptist Convention	Rev. Ernest A. Elwell, D.D. Mr. Arthur H. Lofgren
National Baptist Convention	Rev. W. H. Jernagin, D.D.
Seventh-Day Baptist	Rev. Charles H. Bond
Southern Baptist Convention	Rev. T. L. Holcomb, D.D. Rev. Albert McClellan, D.D. Rev. Harold E. Ingraham
Christian & Missionary Alliance	Rev. A. C. Snead, D.D.
Christian Reformed Church	Rev. Hessel Bouma
Church of God (Tenn.)	Rev. H. L. Chesser
Church of God, World Service	Rev. C. M. Hatch
Churches of God, General	
Eldership	Rev. Raymond H. Daihl
Disciples of Christ	Rev. Gaines M. Cook, D.D.
Evangelical Congregational	Bishop J. A. Smith
Evangelical Free Church	Dr. Arnold T. Olson
Evang. Mission Covenant Church	Dr. Theodore W. Anderson
Evangelical & Reformed	Dr. John Lentz Rev. Sheldon Mackey
Evangelical United Brethren	Rev. Raymond M. Veh, D.D.
American Lutheran	Dr. Henry F. Schuh
Augustana Evang. Lutheran	Dr. Victor E. Beck
Evangelical Lutheran Church	Rev. J. A. Aagaard, D.D.
Finnish Evang. Lutheran (Suomi Synod)	Rev. John Wargelin, D.D.
Lutheran Free Church	Dr. T. O. Burntvedt
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	Rev. Adolf F. Meyer, D.D.
Slovak Lutheran Church	Rev. Paul Rafaj
United Lutheran Church	Rev. Harold S. Miller, D.D.
United Evang. Lutheran Church (Danish)	Rev. Hans C. Jersild
Mennonite Church	Rev. S. C. Yoder, D.D. Rev. E. C. Bender
Gen. Conf. Mennonite Church	Mr. Walter H. Temple
The Methodist Church	Mrs. A. O. Aldrich Rev. Thomas B. Lugg, D.D.
African Methodist Episcopal	Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. Bishop George W. Baber
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	Rev. Wm. E. Carrington
Colored Methodist Episcopal	Bishop Luther Stewart
Free Methodist Church	Rev. C. Adam Kress
Primitive Methodist Church	Rev. Richard E. Owens Rev. Harold K. Hatton
Wesleyan Methodist Church	Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, D.D.
Moravian Church, Northern	Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton
Moravian Church, Southern	Rev. R. Gordon Spaugh, D.D.
Church of the Nazarene	Rev. Lauriston J. DuBois
Presbyterian Church, U.S.	Rev. E. C. Scott, D.D.
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.	Rev. S. Carson Wasson
Associate Reformed Presbyterian	Dr. P. L. Grier
Cumberland Presbyterian	Rev. Wayne Wiman
Reformed Presbyterian (Covenant)	Rev. Bruce C. Stewart
United Presbyterian Church	Rev. T. Milton Scott Rev. Albert E. Kelly, D.D. Rev. J. Kenneth Miller, D.D.
Reformed Church in America	Rev. Harold W. Schenck, D.D. Rev. James E. Hoffman, D.D.

Representatives of the following 5 denominations were unable to attend:

Church of the Brethren
Congregational Christian Church
Danish Evang. Lutheran Church
Wisconsin Lutheran Synod
Protestant Episcopal Church

Power in the Word

The Pastor of the First Christian Church of Tyler, Texas shares an experience that makes memorable for him his visit to the Holy Land last summer

BY EWART H. WYLE



Tony proudly displays his Bible

OUR guide was named Anton Nassar, although we all called him Tony. Tony has been a guide for the American Express in Jerusalem for many years and is an exceptional man in every way. His gracious personality and his willingness to render service to us made our stay there an extremely happy one. Now, Tony has always been a Roman Catholic and a deeply religious man. As we met at the Jerusalem Airport in Jordan, Tony greeted us with the following words,

"Welcome to Jerusalem, the City of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." In due time we learned to know Tony better and we marveled at his knowledge of the places that we visited and their Biblical background. We were supposed to leave Jerusalem on a certain day to return to Beirut, but our plane did not arrive, having been used for some other purpose. We found out later that engine trouble had developed in the plane prior to its change of schedule. As a consequence we returned to our hotel, and that evening our party of sixteen decided to hold a prayer meeting, thanking God for His watch-care over us and for the fact that we were safely on the ground, not risking our lives in a crippled plane. Our guide Tony happened to be there, and we invited him to share in our meeting. It must have been both an astounding and a revealing experience to him; for after a circle of prayers, Tony stood up and, with tears streaming down his face, gave one of the most marvelous testimonies I have ever heard in my life. It so happened that we had used our Bible in connection with a little devotional service, and the thing that particularly astonished Tony was the fact that both clergy and layman seemed to be on an equal footing

in the presence of God. Standing on his feet, Tony told us that in recent months he had been in a great deal of trouble with his church authorities. Realizing one day that his knowledge of the places to which he conducted so many people was scanty and mostly hearsay, he decided to secure a copy of the Scriptures, that he might become acquainted first-hand with the story of Jesus. Without a doubt Tony must have read his Bible as a hungry man devours food. It was not long before Tony began making references to portions of the Scriptures, thus greatly increasing his efficiency as a guide. However, his church authorities heard about this and told him that he must not read the Scriptures, that it was a sin for him to do so. Tony could not understand this attitude and stoutly refused to obey. The matter was even taken to the bishop, who called Tony into his presence; but again Tony stood his ground and insisted that he was no less a Christian than before—in fact, a much stronger one; but his argument got him nowhere. As a consequence Tony was suspended from his church and it was in this condition that we found him, not quite having let go of the old, and not quite sure where he was going. Time and again Tony's voice rang out, "You have a fellowship here with one another that is wonderful to behold. Each one of you, cleric and layman, speaks to God as if he were a close personal Friend. That is the kind of God I read about in the New Testament, and this is what I have been looking for."

There he was, an intelligent Christian Arab leader caught in the meshes of a medieval system, catching a glimpse for the first time of a free religion the basis of which is in the reading of the Scriptures. In our discussion with Tony later, he bared to us the fact that there were dozens of others who felt as he did, and that they would like to form an independent church where one could read his Bible and worship God as he sees fit. There is power in the Word, and Tony wants to use it.

856,700 Easter Gospels



IN RESPONSE to many requests from all over the United States the American Bible Society is publishing this year the Gospel of John in an attractive three-color Easter cover. Altogether 856,700 of these Easter Gospels have been printed and should find their way into hosts of hands and hearts to bring the story of the Resurrection. Sunday-school teachers will present them as Easter gifts to their children; youth groups will distribute them to hospital patients and shut-ins; pastors will send them to their congregations, and business men to their employees. Hospitals will find these Gospels an appropriate remembrance, greatly appreciated by the patients.

The cover for this Easter Gospel is pictured on this page, although not in its Easter hues—green, white and yellow against a lavender background.

By printing this special Gospel for all the Society's offices the cost to *Record* readers is only \$2 per hundred. Orders, together with remittance, can be sent to any of the Society's Depositories, listed on page 31.

Please order early to be assured of delivery. Although 856,700 seems like an inexhaustible supply, actually it is a limited quantity. Orders should be postmarked no later than Friday, March 20.

Orders for one hundred or more of this special Easter Gospel will be sent postpaid; for orders of less than one hundred, please add ten cents for postage.

Advisory Council 1952 (Continued from page 21)

That the theme "The Book of Hope" be used for Worldwide Bible Reading and Universal Bible Sunday in 1953.

That we commend the expanding program of public relations in its encouraging effort to get the work of the American Bible Society before the non-church as well as the Christian constituency.

We recommend the use of the Society's Visual Materials, particularly its exhibits at national and state denominational gatherings, and its motion pictures for churches and Sunday schools. We recognize a large opportunity here and believe that funds to expand the service should be secured from foundations, corporations and individuals.

We commend the American Bible Society's program of service in providing Scriptures for the blind, and we recommend the solicitation of special funds for the purpose of expanding this service;

That a goal of a minimum of 1% of the contributions for others (benevolences, missions, etc.) from local congregations or communions be recommended for the work of the American Bible Society;

That we encourage women's organizations of our various communions to offer the opportunity to their

members to contribute funds for the work of the American Bible Society, as a natural activity of their missionary program and a recognition of the fact that the missionaries depend upon the Bible Society for the Scriptures.

We recommend that the American Bible Society invite leaders both from interdenominational and denominational women's missionary organizations to attend annual meetings of the Advisory Council.

10. That a study be made by the Officers of fair goals to be set for the various denominations for the next five-year period, report to be made at the 1953 meeting of the Council and to be sent in advance to members of the Council for their early consideration.

Conclusion

We reaffirm our conviction that the Holy Scriptures are light in a dark world, and continue to point men to Him who is the Light of the World. In that conviction we call upon Christians everywhere to work and pray that the Scriptures may be given to the whole world.

Respectfully submitted by the Findings Committee,

Wayne Wiman, <i>Chairman</i>	Gaines M. Cook, <i>Secretary</i>	Sheldon Mackey
Ernest A. Elwell	Thomas B. Lugg	J. Kenneth Miller
Kenneth G. Hamilton		Henry F. Schuh
		Harold E. Ingraham

With God and His Word in the P



Candidates for baptism are examined



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WE CELEBRATED Worldwide Communion Service in the camps a few weeks ago, and it was such an inspiring time I feel you'll be interested in some of the pictures. I trust you don't feel that we are ceasing to be grateful to the Bible Society for the Scriptures you are so generously furnishing us,

A former Buddhist priest, now a graduate of a Bible correspondence course, released and entering seminary



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would warrant.

Despite constant conditions the Bible institute correspondence courses graduate memorized the entire story of righteousness immense comfort and some come victims of the here in the Orient. At recite different chapters asked him what character "Any one." That student

Five men who could



Camps of Korea

BY CHAPLAIN HAROLD L. VOELKEL



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Native leadership is developed among the prisoners

decision, I turned to the congregation and asked the POW's which chapter their brother should recite. "The second," someone called out; and the young fellow started right off, "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write . . ." and continued beautifully through to the end, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches."—Praise God!

The Communion is served



Dollars, Books or People?

BY ERIC M. NORTH

WHAT do you think of when you read the financial figures of the Bible Society's budget for a new year? Or the statistics of its distribution of Scriptures? Do you just see figures "1," "7," "8," and "0" and the rest? Or do you see dollars—green pieces of paper? Or do you see books—Bibles, Testaments, Gospels—great piles of them?

You may see all these things. But what you should really see are faces. Yes, faces. First of all faces of the men and women and young people like many you know. They are smiling or serious. Even if serious they are not unhappy. They are looking at pocket-books and taking dollars out to put into a collection plate. They are writing letters and putting in checks. Others are gathered about a table talking and voting that the treasurer of the church or of the denomination shall write a check. Many, many of these people are praying as they do so. Can you see their faces? Maybe yours is among them.

Then there are some other faces to see. Again some are smiling and some are serious but all have the look of persons with a great purpose. Some are opening envelopes and adding up dollars and checks, many are writing letters. Some are talking in strange languages. Some are setting type or reading proof or guiding a press. Some are putting books in packing cases and marking them. In other places you could see other faces as men open cases, pack bags and start on long journeys. Some of these faces are lined with patience and courage, some reflect deep concern. Some smile with the inner joy of great anticipation.

Then there are many, many other faces to see. Do you see the face of that Korean, ten years old, out on the hillside with his fellows and his teacher, as he picks out his Korean letters and learns to read from an illustrated Korean Gospel? If you were there at the right time you could see tens of thousands of such faces. Or look at the glow in the face of that Brazilian pastor as he opens a package and hands Bibles to the members of a little new congregation in a very young country-crossroads town. Perhaps you can see the thoughtful, anxious look on the face of that Arab young man as he hears footsteps and hides a thin book he has been reading. The book says "Injil" (Gospel) on the cover. Under a tree by the edge of a road in Central America there are two men sitting; one is reading out of a book and pointing to it, the other is looking on and nodding his head slowly. Can you see their faces? Maybe you can catch a glimpse of the wonder in the face of a tall African chieftain as he leans on his spear and watches a young tribesman read in his own language words about One who died on a cross. Maybe you have seen the faces of Johnny

Smith and Sally Ames as they come forward in Sunday school to receive their first own Bible. Or that of blind Mr. Jones as his fingers trace the lines of his Braille Bible.

These are only a few of the millions of faces you may see if you look beyond the dollars and the books. For now every year between eight and twelve million people in nearly three-score countries will receive into their hands to read and possess and reread, a Bible, a Testament, a Gospel. Can you see their faces? And there will be many, many hundreds of thousands of these who have never had a Bible or a Testament or a Gospel before. Think of it, their first contact with God's Word! Some will lay it aside, some will even tear it up! But vast numbers will cherish it and draw new life, *the new life* from it.

This is what the 1953 budget of our Society means. And how we can rejoice in it! Again it is the largest budget in our history. This time it shows an increase of more than six percent, or \$187,500. The total is \$3,166,000, not large in the face of world needs and world opportunities, but making possible a great distribution to hearts hungry for light and guidance. Below in this column is a table giving the figures of the classes of income—do you see the faces of the donors there?—and the classes of expense—do you

The 1953 Budget

Estimated Regular Income, 1953

From Churches.....	\$ 720,000
From Individual Donors.....	976,000
From Trust Fund Income, Legacies and Annuities.....	780,000
For Work for the Blind, from Churches and Individuals.....	50,000
From Miscellaneous Sources.....	25,000
Total General Income.....	\$2,551,000
Estimated Returns from Sales in the U.S.A.....	615,000
Total Budget of Income.....	\$ 3,166,000

Proposed Expenditures 1953

For Distribution of Scriptures, U.S.A.....	\$ 667,129
For Distribution of Scriptures Abroad....	962,150
For Translation and Plates.....	84,385
For Bible Society Record, Promotion of Use, Publicity and Visual Aids.....	353,226
For the Promotion of Income.....	262,794
For Administration, Treasurer's Office, Pension Fund, etc.....	221,316
Total General Expenditure.....	\$2,551,000
Cost of Production, Scriptures sold in U.S.A.....	615,000
Total Proposed Expenditure....	\$3,166,000

see the faces of workers and printers and above all of men and women and youth reading the book?

In proposed expenditure it is noteworthy that the expenditures for administration and promotion are to be slightly less than last year, while the expenditure on translation and distribution is to rise more than \$193,000. Some items in the budget cause no little concern. The cost of printing the *Bible Society Record* has gone up with other printing costs and with a larger number of subscribers; the production of Bible Reading materials, which are in great demand, also cost more, and the budget here needs some addition. A series of special items *beyond* the budget must be sought for if possible. These are:

For plates of new translations.....	\$41,300
Scriptures for our Armed Forces (and in spite of \$159,820 in the budget).....	50,180
For extra Scriptures for Colombia.....	8,000
For a new publication program in Brazil....	50,000
For increased distribution in Hongkong and Formosa (\$32,500); in Korea (\$63,000); in Japan (\$25,000); in India (\$35,000).....	155,500
A total of.....	\$304,980

In the twelve months ending November 30, 1952, the Society had spent more than \$184,000 for Scriptures for the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Somehow we must secure the extra amount named above. Other items have similar importance.

Here then is our budget picture. It is a budget of faith. More than two thirds of it must come from gifts made to the Society within the year. We believe the Churches and Christian people of America will not fail to answer our faith by their own. Do you see the faces—men, women, children—all over the world—into which new light may shine, the light that streams from the Cross of our Risen Lord, the light which they may find in the pages of this great Book?

That is the most wonderful thing that can happen to any man—to find the Light of the World. May God help us all to do our full share in this, His cause!

Thanks for a Notable Gift

Because of the very generous gift of Mrs. Beulah E. Moor, who died in El Paso, Texas on September 23, 1951, the American Bible Society was able to make a substantial increase in its budget for 1953. Although Mrs. Moor's will, which was dated September 9, 1951, was written in her own hand, and although on this account protracted litigation might have taken place, through the prompt and effective cooperation of her husband, Mr. Lee Moor, who was appointed administrator, and of her adopted daughter, Mrs. Betty Lee MacGuire, it was possible to settle the estate promptly without litigation—in one year



Mrs. Beulah E. Moor

after her death. This was accomplished by a ruling of the local district court construing Mrs. Moor's will. With the full cooperation of her family Mrs. Moor was therefore able to give away practically her whole estate to religious, educational and charitable causes. Mrs. Moor was a real believer in and constant reader of the Bible, and this generous bequest of over \$1,000,000 has enabled the Society to increase its worldwide work substantially by using the income from the Beulah E. Moor Fund, which has been set up on the Society's books in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Managers passed November 6, 1952.

Mrs. Moor had a great faith in God's Holy Word but she did not seek to publicize her gifts. Her adopted daughter, Mrs. Betty Lee MacGuire,

writes, "You should see how *worn* my mother's Bibles are! But each crease and patched page are dear to us, and remind us of her love for the Word of God." The accompanying picture was taken from a snapshot of her made by her family. This article is an expression of the deep appreciation of the American Bible Society and the members of its staff for Mrs. Moor's magnificent gift to help sow the good seed of the Gospel throughout the world.

He Got the Bible

Sergeant Leonard Beutel of Sanborn, New York recently wrote the Society as follows:

I am a Korean veteran and have been back in the States for a few months. While being over there I met a Korean lad who was a Christian but had only a New Testament. I am wondering if it is possible to have an Old Testament and New Testament combined printed in the Korean language. If this is possible, please ship it to my home address and bill me accordingly.

Does the Bible House do any lettering on the covers of Bibles? If you can letter the cover I would like to have the following stamped on the Bible:

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This may be asking too much of your Society but I feel that you will do your best to get a complete Korean Bible for me.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your organization for all the work you have done and will do in spreading the Good News of salvation.

Bible Study in Japanese Government Schools

The accompanying picture was taken at the Osaka Municipal High School, which is one of the best examples of the educational system developed since the war in Japan along democratic lines. The fine print seen at the upper right above the pictures is an outline of the Bible study course made available to the students as an extra-curricular activity.



Bible exhibit at Osaka High School

Rev. Tsunetaro Miyakoda, General Secretary of the Japan Bible Society, writes of the widespread interest of the Japanese people in the Bible and Bible reading. "We have received," he says, "requests for Bible exhibits from ten government schools and expect there will be more to follow. In the large cities we have been scheduling lectures by members of the Bible Revision Committee. These meetings have been attended by many of the intellectual leaders in these cities."

Celebrating Ninety Years

On October 19, 1952 the Welsh Auxiliary of the American Bible Society of Emporia and vicinity, Kansas, held its ninetieth anniversary meeting. The program took the



form of a dramatization of the founding of the Society in 1862. In the accompanying picture, taken during the dramatization, the Hon. E. H. Rees (seated, third from

left) is seen presiding just as his grandfather, Edward Evans, did ninety years before. Miss Mary Rees (standing, extreme left) is a granddaughter of Mr. Evans also. With the exception of Miss Beatrice Richards (seated, second from left, now president of the Auxiliary, all the others in the picture are descendants of the founders of the Auxiliary. Seated at the extreme left is Mrs. Edward J. Roberts, whose husband sits next to Mr. Rees. The others seated to the right are Marilyn Lambert and Miss Claudia Lewis. The four boys standing are, left to right: Edward Moyer, Calvin Roberts, Donald Richard and Norman Rees, Jr. The candlesticks and the inkwell are from the founders' homes and were brought from Wales.

The Auxiliary operates in the following manner. At each annual meeting, solicitors are appointed to canvass the community for gifts. All of the receipts, except for incidental expenses, are sent in to the American Bible Society. Life Members are named for every \$50 sent in. The amount contributed in 1952 was \$223.50. The Emporia is one of twelve Welsh Auxiliaries in the country.



The scene pictured here will long be remembered by the members of the College City Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. It was the occasion of the presentation of complete Braille Bibles to each of eight sightless people. Boys and girls from one of the Sunday-school classes that helped raise the fund for the Bibles made token gifts of one of the volumes to each blind recipient.

As the service progressed, one of the blind group, reading with her fingers from one of her volumes as she stood in the pulpit, came to the passage "the people that walk in darkness have seen a great light." Later a blind instructor inspired the audience when she said, "We sightless ones are not to be called the handicapped, for we are especially privileged in that we receive visions of insight not accorded to many who have only natural vision."

Secretary Bayless of the Society's Pacific District, through whom the Society supplied the Braille Scriptures, participated in the service. In the picture he is seen at the extreme right.

Among the recent visitors to the Bible House none was more welcome than Dr. Charles W. Turner, the Society's Secretary in Argentina, who while on furlough was forced to undergo serious surgical treatment, which, however, proved eminently successful; and he is now planning to return to his work in the Society's La Plata Agency, serving Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay.

MEMBERS' FORUM

[Annual Membership in the Society is secured through a gift of \$5 or more for the carrying on of its work. The Society also provides for Life Membership, Life Directorship and Memorial Membership. Particulars will be sent on request. The editors welcome correspondence from members and devote this page in each issue to that purpose.]

From Inverness, Florida:

Received the copy of the *Bible Society Record* today and wish to tell you again how much I enjoy reading it. I read it from cover to cover each time and pass it on when I am through. It is so interesting to read how Christianity is being spread into other countries, and hope it will embrace the whole world eventually.

From Newville, Pennsylvania:

The *Bible Society Record* is something I enjoy reading very much. It means more to me than any other church paper. There is not any part of it I miss reading. Keep up the good work. I will continue to try to help you to do so with my small gifts.

From Rahway, New Jersey:

I am enclosing \$2 and wish I could send more, but am working my way through college.

It is quite a pleasant change to read your letter in contrast to the dozens of pseudo-religious advertisements which offer, for only \$1.98, to teach me to "use the Scriptures to gain greater happiness, increased earning power, and a fuller marital relation. (Money refunded in 10 days if not satisfied)"!

I hope to be able to contribute more at another time.

From Waterbury, Connecticut:

Your *Bible Society Record* becomes increasingly interesting with each issue.

There are many signs of encouragement for uncertain countries.

From Bartlett, Tennessee:

You certainly can count on me. It is both a pleasure and a privilege for me to send a check to the American Bible Society. This check is to be used for the blind. It is a small amount, but big to me, for I have been in bed most of the time for twenty-seven years, and I make my living thus, through insurance and magazines and greeting cards.

From Larned, Kansas:

I am enclosing my check for \$500 as a gift for the distribution of the Holy Scriptures.

May God bless the work the Bible Society is doing, is my sincere wish.

Many thanks for the *Bible Society Record*. I enjoy reading it very much.

From Georgetown, Kentucky:

Enclosed you will find a check for \$67, which represents one dollar for each year of my life and for each year of my wife's.

We have no preference as to the manner in which this money will be used, but know that it will help immeasurably. We both receive an inspiration from reading the *Record*.

From Kingsport, Tennessee:

I feel very happy to be able in a small way to help in the most wonderful work the American Bible Society is doing for so many who have not the Word of God and would never have it but for your far-reaching work.

The *Record* is so interesting and a joy to read.

From Kansas City, Missouri:

Enclosed find a cashier's check for seven dollars for your very worthy cause. My sainted mother and father were Life Members of your Society, and we never lacked for Bibles or Bible reading in our childhood home.

The following comment was received with the return of the copy of the Society's sound film, "The Whole Armor," from the Brotherhood of the Zion Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas:

Besides the men of the Brotherhood, the Junior Luther League, an organization of teen-agers, saw the film. All comments were very favorable. An offering to the American Bible Society will follow. I shall also propose giving each service man a Testament upon leaving for service, and \$5 to your Society as a thank-offering when he returns. This is a church project.

From Springfield, Ohio:

I am pleased that you are carrying the Word of God to all people in such a friendly manner. Although I am in college, you know I am honored to send you gifts whenever possible. Please find one dollar enclosed to help continue your fine work, and may the Lord bless you.

From Santa Barbara, California:

Enclosed find money order for \$10 to be used to send God's Word, "The Bread of Life," to hungry hearts. It gives me great joy to once more be able to give this little gift for the cause of salvation of souls.

Thanks so much for the *Record*, which I read from cover to cover with enjoyment. I gave one away to a friend and told her to send some money for the good cause you are serving, and I also gave two of the *Records* to other friends.

May the Lord bless richly the Bible Society in the service for Him and supply, is my daily prayer. Please pardon the poor writing as I am ill and 88 years old and may not have long to stay here.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY

Day	Book	Chapter	Day	Book	Chapter
1	Sunday,		15	Sunday,	
2	Matthew	7:1-29	16	Exodus	20:1-17
3	Matthew	8:1-34	17	Daniel	1:8-21
4	Matthew	9:1-38	18	Galatians	6:1-10
5	Matthew	10:1-23	19	Ash Wednes-	
6	Matthew	10:24-42	20	day, Joel	2:12-18, 28
7	Matthew	11:1-19	21	Psalms	19:1-14
8	Matthew	11:20-30	22	Psalms	105:1-8
9	Sunday,		23	Psalms	145:1-21
10	Matthew	12:1-21	24	Sunday,	
11	Matthew	12:22-50	25	Joshua	1:5-9
12	Genesis	1:1-31	26	Joshua	6:1-20
13	Genesis	2:1-25	27	Joshua	14:6-15
14	Deuteronomy	25	28	I John	1:1-10
		33:23-29		I John	2:1-17
		3:1-24		I John	4:7-21
		4:1-13		Revelation	3:10-22

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Worldwide Bible Reading Response

by James V. Claypool

"Dear Dr. Claypool:

"Instead of using the Worldwide Bible Reading references in my press column as you suggested, I shifted the idea over to one of my local radio programs, 'Great Day.'

"Each morning since Thanksgiving I have included the passage in the broadcast, with an explanation of the project.

"The show has a good listening public and the feature has caused some comment and query. Hence I believe it has done some good. Thanks for the opportunity to serve American Bible Society."

This letter from Mr. Bish Thompson of the Evansville Press, Evansville, Indiana, dated December 15, was typical of the fine cooperation that came from every quarter in the Society's promotion of the ninth annual observance of Worldwide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas. The results far surpass the hopes of the Society's Officers.

This is one of the times when a few facts and figures can speak more eloquently than generalized statements. For instance, the mailing made to all of the ministers in America early in September, which gives them samples of the materials (including those for Universal Bible Sunday) and offers the opportunity for ordering supplies, is one of the largest mailings made to Protestant ministers in the United States by any organization at any time. This year 165,118 packets of materials were mailed out, which included 159,754 to ministers, 3,054 to chaplains and 2,310 to fill additional requests, such as those from the Salvation Army and the Society's Secretaries abroad. This mailing exceeded that of 1951 by over 10,000 and helped bring about more orders than ever before.

Though complete returns were not available when this report went to press, it seemed certain that not less than 15,000,000 copies of the bookmark listing the Bible passages to be read were distributed. The responsive reading folder prepared for church bulletins, to be used on Universal Bible Sunday, was requested by ministers to a total of over 4,500,000 copies—another record.

The poster, of which more than 300,000 copies were printed, was provided in at least eight languages, and the program was observed in more than forty countries.

One of the most interesting observances this year came by the appearance of an article and the list of Readings in the service magazine published in Europe, "Stars and Stripes." This paper has a large circulation in Germany, France, Italy and England and is read by many people besides the military personnel.

It has also been reported that at the Thanksgiving Day service held in London, at which Ambassador Gifford read the Thanksgiving proclamation, the preacher of the day called attention to the list of Worldwide Bible Readings and had the bookmarks distributed at the service.

Magazines of large national circulation carried more mention of Worldwide Bible Reading than any previous year. The cooperation of Church papers and religious magazines was as thorough and splendid

as ever. Many millions of reprints of the list of Readings appeared in newspapers, the total circulation of these exceeding 20,000,000.

Wide mention of the program was made by radio stations, and for the first time by television stations as well. Some of these called attention to each passage day by day.

Never have so many appreciative letters come from people who have spoken of the value and benefit obtained from following these Readings, some of them mentioning conversions and a total change in family life. From the mounting demand for the Society's Reading list for every day of 1953 it is evident that Worldwide Bible Reading, as it enters its tenth year, is on the way to a big place in the life of millions of people.

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December Meeting of the Board

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society in its one hundred and thirty-seventh year was held at the Bible House, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, on December 4, 1952, at 3:30 p.m., President Daniel Burke, LL.D., in the Chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Secretary Stifler.

The death of Rev. Christopher Matheson, D.D., a Vice President of the Society, was reported, and the following Memorial Minute was adopted:

The Board of Managers learned with regret of the death on October 22, 1952 of Rev. Christopher Matheson, D.D., since 1915 a Vice President of the Society, and ordered this minute spread on the records of the meeting. After twenty years in the practice of the law in Gainesville, Florida, during which he served nine terms as mayor of the city, Dr. Matheson was ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.) and served with distinction for twenty-six years in his only pastorate, the Central Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma. He was twice moderator of the Synod of Oklahoma and served in many important capacities in the General Assembly of his Church.

The resignation of Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer was accepted with deep regret.

Mrs. Jesse M. Bader was appointed a member of the Foreign Agencies Committee and was nominated to the Standing Committee as a Vice President of the United Bible Societies.

The Budget for 1953 as recommended by the Advisory Council and the Budget Committee was approved.

FEBRUARY 1953

Free Leaflets for Children

*This is of special interest to Daily Vacation Bible Schools
and Sunday schools*

Here is a way you can help send God's Word to Japan, Korea, Brazil, the Philippines and to other countries where the American Bible Society is working.

You can help the Society in its big program of supplying pocket Testaments to service men and women.

You can help blind boys and girls with books in Braille. A Braille Bible in 20 large volumes costs \$60, or \$3 per volume. The entire Bible is also available for the blind on 170 Talking Book records and costs \$170, or \$1 per record.

We have leaflets prepared for children and young people, telling of these needs. These leaflets attractively printed in color have these titles:

Something to Cheer Him Up	(Service Men)
The Bible That Rode on a Sled	(Blind)
They Won't Feel Lost Now	(Japan)
Two Korean Boys	(Korea)
God So Loved the World	(Worldwide)
A Great Book for a Great Republic	(Brazil)
A Fisherboy's Lunch	(General)
Daily Bible Readings for Children.	

Send for sample copies of these leaflets. When you have examined them, choose a project for your school or class and order the quantity required. There is no charge. Address American Bible Society, Churches Dept. 10, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.

Loving in Deed and in Truth

At the headquarters somewhere in Korea of the First Marine Aircraft Wing, the men not only love the Bible but love to practice its teachings. We are indebted to Wing Chaplain J. Frederick Parker for the accompanying pictures, which tell the story graphically. In the lower picture Sergeant Robert H. Hall of Alhambra, California hands \$100 from the Protestant Chapel Fund to Chaplain Parker as a donation to the work of the

One hundred dollars, sir, for the American Bible Society



Korean G.I.'s keep them healthy and happy

American Bible Society, for which the Society is deeply grateful. The group picture is of the children in the Marine Memorial Orphanage at Pohang-dong. In the chapel bulletin Chaplain Parker says, "This orphanage belongs to you; they are your adopted children."

On the back page of the same bulletin the chaplain says, "With winter approaching, a large number of families are badly in need of clothing—families who have lost their home and income because of the war. Gifts of clothing will be a reassurance of our trust and friendship to those who are exposed to Communist propaganda. The chaplains are always able to find hundreds of poor Koreans who are in great need . . . Get your church or some other organization to send clothing



Donated clothes reach the needy in twenty-four hours

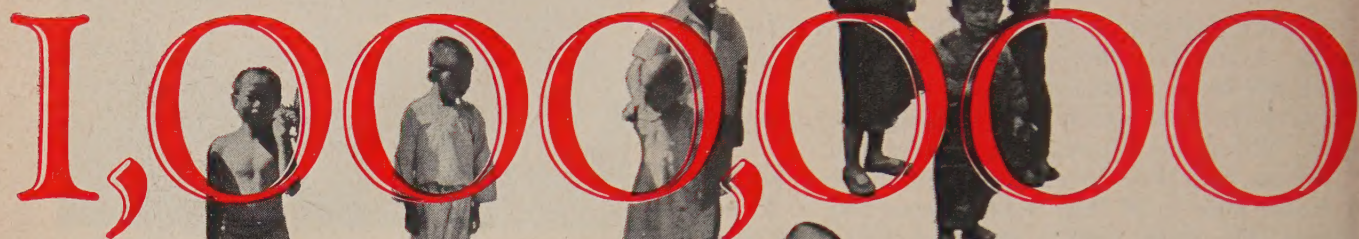
. . . All packages received will be acknowledged by a letter . . . One day after your clothes reach the chaplain's office, a Korean will be wearing them. Let's share in His name."

In the picture Chaplain Parker's assistant, Sgt. Tracey, brings a smile to the face of a young Korean.

It all comes from the Great Book, where we read: "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth."

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Text Books to save

KOREA

What of the minds and hearts of these children? Americans are sending food and clothing — this is important. But strong bodies can still be used for good or evil. 300,000 Illustrated Gospels in the new Hankuhl Korean are now being

used as text books in schools. One million more are needed now. It costs 8¢ to supply a Korean Gospel for one child. Will you be the foster parent for the minds and hearts of at least 100 Korean children?

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